

will be responded to in a timely manner. All information in the proposal, including quoted prices, must be valid for 60 days after the due date. Proposals must have the following sections: (1) *One-page executive summary of what the city offers.* (2) *General city description:* (a) Letter of support from the mayor or city's senior elected official(s); (b) letter of support from the state governor; (c) letter of support from local civic and business groups; (d) a past performance statement which indicates the city's successful experience hosting large meetings and events; (e) description of the metropolitan area's ties to the Western Hemisphere; and (f) description and availability of venues that could be used for large events. (3) *Hotel availabilities:* (a) A list of three and four star hotels in proximity to the proposed primary venues including facility amenities such as high-speed wireless internet access, cell phone coverage for large groups, restaurants, and accommodations for VIPs; (4) *Primary event venue facilities:* (a) Catering, audio-visual, perimeter security, on-site maintenance, management, medical, cell phone coverage for large groups, and high speed internet access, including the relevant pricing schedule for internet provision within the primary event venue and a description of the agility of internet bandwidth infrastructure, including whether unencumbered connections are possible and including detail on any broadcast fiber connectivity between the primary venue and a major teleport; (b) dedicated entrance for Summit delegates, if any; (c) meeting rooms; (d) transportation between hotels and conference facilities; and (e) spreadsheet indicating costs and availabilities of primary event venues for timeframe indicated; within. Please address the following questions:

*How will the city provide security for the delegates and VIPs including the U.S. President?* Only the U.S. President and other Chiefs of State and Heads of Government will have United States Secret Service (USSS) protective details. Each will be eligible to receive a protective detail that include a vehicle package, the size of which is determined by threat level. The Secretary of State has 24/7 Diplomatic Security Service (DS) protection. Heads of Delegations who are not Chiefs of State or Heads of Government would NOT receive USSS protection, but, based on a threat assessment, might be eligible for DS protection. Local Police Departments (PD) normally provide route, motorcade, and intelligence support to the USSS. Local PDs historically have the lead

responsibility for providing crowd control, demonstration control and riot response. *If required, will the city block off streets around the conference venue and hotels for Heads of State and Government?* The conference facility would have tight perimeter and access controls. Security arrangements for hotels are based on threat information relating to the Heads of State and Government and will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the USSS and Local PD. Not every hotel would necessarily have total perimeter controls. Conversely, a central hotel might meet criteria for closed streets and public access.

*How will the city fund the extra security required for this conference?* Cities that bid on such events must take into account and budget for the extensive costs of Security and Public Safety, as that responsibility lies solely with the host city. The USSS and DS do not reimburse local police for costs of supporting visiting foreign dignitaries. Some cities in the past have been able to obtain funding to offset security costs through Congress when requests for funding support have been initiated by their congressional representatives. This event would likely receive a Department of Homeland Security, Special Event Activity Report (SEAR) Level One. It could possibly receive designation as a National Security Special Event (NSSE), which may not be determined until approximately one year or less prior to the event. The SEAR and NSSE designations are made based on certain criteria by either the DHS Special Event Working Group or the NSSE Working Group (Interagency Security groups that use methodology to determine an event's rating.) Neither designation provides funding to local public safety agencies, but the ultimate SEAR level and, if applicable, NSSE designation, does outline the level of support that Federal agencies can provide.

*What public safety infrastructure is available?* Address the following: (1) *Police:* (a) Special operations capabilities; (b) VIP protection; (c) riot and crowd control response to incidents; (d) explosive detection and disposal; (e) traffic controls; (f) Intelligence Division; (g) mutual aid agreements/memorandum of understanding with surrounding jurisdictions/state police; (h) communication center and procedures; and (i) current emergency plan. (2) *Fire/emergency medical service:* (a) Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear detection/procedures; (b) first responders; (c) equipment/training and trained staff on hand. (3) *Emergency Management:* (a) Mass casualty; (b)

terrorist attack; and (c) natural disaster. (4) *Emergency Facilities:* (a) Hospital/Medical Centers; (b) emergency backup communications; (c) emergency supplies; and (d) evacuation plans. (5) *Public health:* (a) measures used to mitigate the spread of viruses; (b) protocols for responding to outbreaks.

**Kevin E. Bryant,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Directives Management, U.S. Department of State.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 410X)]

### **Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Luzerne and Carbon Counties, Pa.**

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue overhead trackage rights operations over approximately 56.7 miles of rail line owned by Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad Company (RBMN) located between milepost 119.3 in Lehighton Yard and milepost 175.5 in Dupont, Pa., in Luzerne and Carbon Counties, Pa. (the Line).<sup>1</sup> The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 18235, 18229, 18255, 18661, 18711, 18707, 18706, 18640, and 18641.

NSR has certified that: (1) It has moved no local traffic over the Line for at least two years; (2) any common carrier overhead traffic can be rerouted; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service on the Line is either pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance of service shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth &*

<sup>1</sup> NSR states that it acquired overhead trackage rights for the Line in 2002. See *Norfolk S. Ry.—Trackage Rts. Exemption—Reading Blue Mountain & N.R.R.*, FD 34225 (STB served July 25, 2002).

*Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA)<sup>2</sup> to subsidize continued rail service has been received, this exemption will be effective on September 19, 2021, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues and formal expressions of intent to file an OFA to subsidize continued rail service under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)<sup>3</sup> must be filed by August 30, 2021.<sup>4</sup> Petitions to reopen must be filed by September 9, 2021.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 410X), should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board’s website. In addition, a copy of each pleading filed with the Board should be sent to NSR’s representative, Crystal M. Zorbaugh, Baker & Miller PLLC, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20037.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: August 17, 2021.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Kenyatta Clay,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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**SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION**

**Grandfathering (GF) Registration Notice**

**AGENCY:** Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists Grandfathering Registration for projects by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission during the period set forth in **DATES**.

**DATES:** July 1–31, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 4423 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-1788.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jason E. Oyler, General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission, telephone: (717) 238-0423, ext. 1312; fax: (717) 238-2436; email: [joyler@srbc.net](mailto:joyler@srbc.net). Regular mail inquiries may be sent to the above address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice lists GF Registration for projects, described below, pursuant to 18 CFR 806, Subpart E for the time period specified above:

**Grandfathering Registration Under 18 CFR Part 806, Subpart E**

1. Benton Municipal Water & Sewer Authority—Public Water Supply System, GF Certificate No. GF-202107175, Benton Township, Columbia County, Pa.; Artesian Well No. 1; Issue Date: July 22, 2021.

2. The Procter & Gamble Paper Products Company—Mehoopany Plant, GF Certificate No. GF-202107176, Washington Township, Wyoming County, Pa.; Susquehanna River and Well 4; Issue Date: July 22, 2021.

3. TTGC, Inc.—Tree Top Golf Course, GF Certificate No. GF-202107177, Mount Joy Township, Lancaster County, Pa.; Hole 13 Well, Hole 15 Well, Hole 17 Well, and Hole 5 Pond; Issue Date: July 22, 2021.

4. Jersey Shore Steel Company—Jersey Shore Steel, GF Certificate No. GF-202107178, Pine Creek Township, Clinton County, Pa.; the Well and consumptive use; Issue Date: July 27, 2021.

5. West St. Clair Township-Pleasantville Borough Municipal Authority—Public Water Supply System, GF Certificate No. GF-202107179, West St. Clair Township and Pleasantville Borough, Bedford County, Pa.; Well 001; Issue Date: July 27, 2021.

Dated: August 17, 2021

**Jason E. Oyler,**  
*General Counsel and Secretary to the Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, Notice of Meeting, Amended**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans will conduct a virtual site visit on August 24–27, 2021, with the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 20: Northwest Network and the VA Portland Health Care System (VAPORHCS) in Portland, OR.

Date	Time	Location
August 24, 2021 .....	10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. (PT) .....	See Webex link and call-in information below.
August 25, 2021 .....	10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. (PT) .....	See Webex link and call-in information below.
August 26, 2021 .....	10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. (PT) .....	See Webex link and call-in information below.
August 27, 2021 .....	10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. (PT) .....	See Webex link and call-in information below.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women Veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach and other programs and activities administered by VA designed to meet such needs. The Committee makes

recommendations to the Secretary regarding such programs and activities.

On Tuesday, August 24, the agenda includes overviews of: VISN 20’s facilities and programs; an overview of VISN 20 services for women Veterans; and an overview of VAPORHCS

facilities, programs and community partners.

On Wednesday, August 25, the agenda includes a continuation of briefings on VAPORHCS’ programs and services for women Veterans. On Thursday, August 26, the agenda includes briefings on: Oregon State

<sup>2</sup>Persons interested in submitting an OFA to subsidize continued rail service must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the intent to file an OFA for subsidy and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

<sup>3</sup>The filing fee for OFAs can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

<sup>4</sup>Because this is a discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, interim trail use/rail banking and public use conditions are not appropriate.

Because there will be an environmental review during abandonment, this discontinuance does not require an environmental review.